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The invention concerns a system and method capturing, in a computer system, data relating to a note-taking session, the session consisting of handwritten annotations made by a user by way of a writing implement on a plurality of pages.

Specifically, the method includes the steps of receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, an indication of the start of the note-taking session, receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, data indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of pages, receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, an indication of the end of the note-taking session, and retaining a retrievable record of the received data for the note-taking session. Control for the note-taking session (eg. starting, ending and printing a session) takes place by way of printed command buttons for designation by the writing implement, which buttons may be printed on each page, or on a part of a backing sheet of a notepad of pages extending beyond the periphery of the pages themselves.

The system and method of the invention are suitable for use in an educational environment or a meeting environment. For example, participants in a meeting can collaboratively mark up the physical pages of a whiteboard pad, and at the end of the meeting can print out a reduced-size version of those marked pages, conveniently bound and timestamped.

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